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PARLIAMENT AS EC PRESIDENT-IN-COUNCIL

1.SUMMARY: ON JANUARY 12 BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY CROSLAND
MADE HIS INITIAL ADDRESS TO EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AS PRESIDENT
OF THE EC COUNCIL,DURING WHICH HE SET FORTH BRITISH VIEWS
ON THE STATE OF THE COMMUNITY AND SKETCHED IN BROAD OUTLINE
PRIORITIES FACING THE EC IN THE PERIOD JUST AHEAD.CROSLAND
ASSERTED THAT THE COMMUNITY'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE TRADE
AND ECONOMIC FIELDS OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES AND MORE
RECENTLY IN THE FIELD OF POLITICAL COOPERATION HAVE BEEN
CONSIDERABLE -- AND SUGGESTED MEMBER STATES SHOULD BE UNDISMAYED IF
CURRENT
ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTIES TEMPORARILY PRECLUDE
FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARD ECONOMIC UNION AND POLITICAL
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INTEGRATION.HE RULED OUT FURTHER ECONOMIC INTEGRATION
UNTIL LIVING STANDARDS AND ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE OF
MEMBER STATES ARE "BROADLY SIMILAR." CROSLAND SAID
THAT DURING THE COMING SIX MONTHS OF UK COUNCIL
PRESIDENCY AND IN THE MEDIUM TERM THEREAFTER,THE
COMMUNITY'S PRIORITY TASKS SHOULD BE:(A)TO AGREE
ON POLICIES FOR AGRICULTURE,FISHERIES AND ENERGY; (B)

TO DEFINE AND ENCOURAGE FURTHER CONVERGENCE BETWEEN MEMBER STATE ECONOMIES; (C)TO ESTABLISH A PROPER ROLE FOR A DIRECTLY-ELECTED EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT; (D)TO INCREASE THE COMMUNITY'S INFLUENCE IN THE WORLD ON BOTH POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC MATTERS; AND (E)TO ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY'S ENLARGEMENT WHILE ENSURING THAT THE ACCESSION OF NEW MEMBERS IS SO MANAGED AS TO PUT THE MINIMUM OF STRAIN ON COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS AND PURPOSES.CROSLAND THOUGHT THEY KEY TO EC'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY LIES PARTLY OUTSIDE EUROPEAN HANDS,SINCE MUCH DEPENDS ON WHAT US AND JAPAN DO TO STIMULATE THEIR OWN RECOVERY. HE SUGGESTED THE COMMUNITY SHOULD PLAY A ROLE IN MIDDLE EAST AND CYPRUS SETTLEMENTS,BUT NOTED THIS MUST BE COORDINATED CLOSELY WITH THE U.S.HE EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF EARLY EC CONSULTATION ON THESE MATTERS WITH THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION.FIRST REACTIONS FROM PARLIAMENTARIANS WAS THAT SPEECH WAS "REALISTIC AND PRAGMATIC." END SUMMARY.

2. THE EC AS A "LONG-TERM HISTORICAL PROCESS": CROSLAND BEGAN BY ACKNOWLEDGING A "CERTAIN LOSS OF DIRECTION AND FALTERING SENSE OF PURPOSE" IN THE COMMUNITY,BUT SAID HE TAKES A MORE HOPEFUL VIEW OF EC'S FUTURE PROSPECTS THAN THE PESSIMISTS WHEN HE CONSIDERS HOW MUCH THE COMMUNITY HAS ACCOMPLISHED IN ITS SHORT LIFE: " THE COMMUNITY HAS HELPED TO BRING ABOUT A QUALITATIVE AND PERMANENT CHANGE IN WESTERN EUROPE RELATONSHIPS.THE CONTRAST WITH PRE-WAR EUROPE IS DRAMATIC.IT ILLUSTRATES THE POLITICAL REALITY OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY."

3.CROSLAND AGREED THAT THE CURRENT MOOD OF PESSIMISM-- WHEN NOTHING VISIBLE SEEMS TO BE HAPPENING IN THE DIRECTION OF FURTHER ECONOMIC OR POLITICAL INTEGRATION-- IS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE EXCESSIVE EXPECTATIONS AROUSED BY THE SALAD DAYS OF THE 1960'S WHEN RAPID ECONOMIC GROWTH SEEMED TO ASSURE STEADY PROGRESS TOWARDS INTEGRATION.HE SAID,HOWEVER,THAT THE COMMUNITY SHOULD TAKE HEART FROM ITS PAST ACHIEVEMENTS AND FROM THE FACT THAT THE EC IS WIDELY RECOGNIZED ABROAD AS A MAJOR POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FORCE.CALLING ON THE COMMUNITY TO CONTINUE TO BUILD ON PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS, CROSLAND SAID THERE SHOULD BE A FRANK RECOGNITION THAT THE "DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY IS A LONG TERM HISTORICAL PROCESS IN WHICH PROGRESS TOWARD GREATER UNITY MUST IN THE NATURE OF THINGS BE UNEVEN."

4.CURRENT EC PRIORITIES: CROSLAND SAID THE MOST

PRESSING CONCERN IS TO ADOPT POLICIES FOR AGRICULTURE,
FISHERIES AND ENERGY.HE CONSIDERED THE COMMON
AGRICULTURAL POLICY "ALMOST (AT)AN IMPASSE, " NOTED
THAT EC DISCUSSION OF FISHERIES POLICY TO DATE "HAS
NOT EVEN APPROACHED THE HEART OF THE CONTROVERSY ON THE
INTERNAL REGIME",AND SAID THE COMMUNITY SIMPLY DOES
NOT HAVE A COMMON ENERGY POLICY.ACKNOWLEDGING THAT
"STRONG NATIONAL INTERESTS ARE AT STAKE",CROSLAND
CALLED FOR "PATIENCE,UNDERSTANDING,AND A GREAT DEAL
OF COMMUNITY SPIRIT AS WE SEEK TO STRIKE THE RIGHT
BALANCE BETWEEN SPECIFIC NATIONAL INTERESTS AND WIDER
COMMUNITY INTERESTS."

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5. CROSLAND'S NEXT PRIORITY WAS THE NEED FOR THE MEMBER
STATES'ECONOMIES TO GET BACK "ON THE PATH OF
FULL EMPLOYMENT AND HEARTY GROWTH." HE SAID THAT TO SPEAK
OF FURTHER ECONOMIC INTEGRATION BEFORE THERE IS A
GREATER CONVERGENCE OF MEMBER STATES'ECONOMIES IS
USELESS,SINCE WITHOUT CONVERGENCE " THE ESSENTIAL BASIS
FOR ECONOMIC INTEGRATION IS WHOLLY LACKING." HE STATED
FURTHER THAT DETAILED MEASURES OF ECONOMIC HARMONIZATION
WILL NOT OF THEMSELVES BRING INTEGRATION WITHOUT
THE NECESSARY ECONOMIC CONVERGENCE.INTER ALIA,CROSLAND

CALLED ON THE COMMUNITY TO: (A)EXPLORE WAYS TO
ENCOURAGE INVESTMENT IN EC COUNTRIES AND REGIONS
WHERE ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE LAGS; (B)EXAMINE HOW THE
COMMUNITY'S REGIONAL AND SOCIAL FUNDS CAN BE USED TO PROMOTE
MORE EFFECTIVE TRANSFER OF RESOURCES TO THE
COMMUNITY'S POORER REGIONS; AND (C)EXPLORE FURTHER
HOW THE COMMUNITY CAN CONTRIBUTE TO GREATER EXCHANGE
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RATE STABILITY.

6.CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM ON EC INSTITUTIONS: CROSLAND
WAS CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE FURTHER "ORGANIC
DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY'S INSTITUTIONS, "NOTING
PARTICULARLY "THE CHANGING ROLE OF THE PRESIDENCY AND
THE GROWING VITALITY OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT."
CROSLAND OBSERVED APPROVINGLY THAT DIRECT ELECTIONS TO
PARLIAMENT "WILL STRENGTHEN THE DEMOCRATIC VOICE
IN THE COMMUNITY." HE THOUGHT AN ELECTED PARLIAMENT
WOULD BE BETTER ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH ITS EXISTING ROLE
VIS-A-VIS THE EC COMMISSION.WHILE SPECULATING THAT
PARLIAMENT WILL ALSO TRY TO EXERT ADDITIONAL INFLUENCE
ON THE EC COUNCIL,CROSLAND CAUTIONED THAT IT WILL
CONTINUE TO BE NECESSARY TO ENSURE AN APPROPRIATE
BALANCE AMONG THE THREE MAJOR COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS.
HOWEVER,HE SAW AS A PRIORITY TASK THE DEVELOPMENT OF
A PROPER ROLE FOR AN ELECTED PARLIAMENT.CROSLAND
ALSO INDICATED HE WILL GIVE PRIORITY ATTENTION TO
OVERHAULING COUNCIL PROCEDURES WITH A VIEW TO
REDUCING THE TRIVIA BROUGHT TO THE MINISTERS FOR
DECISIONS AND GENERALLY TIGHTENING UP THE COUNCIL
AGENDA TO IMPROVE ITS DECISION MAKING.

7.EC EXTERNAL POLICIES: CROSLAND CALLED FOR THE
STEADY EXPANSION OF WHAT HE SAW AS THE COMMUNITY'S
ALREADY CONSIDERABLE ROLE IN WORLD ECONOMIC AND
POLITICAL AFFAIRS.HE LAID PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON
EXTENDING COMMON COMMUNITY POLICIES TOWARD THE USSR
AND EASTERN EUROPE.HE NOTED THAT THE COMMUNITY'S
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING POWER IS GREATER THAN THAT OF
INDIVIDUAL MEMBER STATES AND SAID "... A STRONG
AND COHESIVE COMMUNITY IS A MAJOR ASSET ON THE WESTERN
SIDE IN THE OVERALL PATTERN OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS;
THE VERY FACT OF SOVIET COOLNESS TOWARD THE EC
TESTIFIES TO THE COMMUNITY'S POTENTIAL FOR LIMITING
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THE SPREAD OF SOVIET INFLUENCE IN WESTERN EUROPE.."
CROSLAND SPECULATED ON A "POSSIBLE" COMMUNITY ROLE
"AT THE APPROPRIATE MOMENT"IN CYPRUS AND THE MIDDLE EAST.
HE SAID,HOWEVER,THIS MUST BE IN CLOSE COORDINATION
WITH THE US AND THAT EARLY CONTACT WITH THE CARTER
ADMINISTRATION ON THESE ISSUES I IMPORTANT.
FINALLY,CROSLAND HOPED THE COMMUNITY WILL DEVELOP
A COMMON POLICY ON BELGRADE CONFERENCE TO REVIEW CSCE.

8.CHALLENGE OF ENLARGEMENT: CROSLAND WAS SOMEWHAT
SURPRISINGLY CATEGORICAL IN ENDORSING FURTHER
ENLARGEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY,WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS
PRESENTING THE COMMUNITY WITH"ITS MOST TESTING
CHALLENGE." HE ACKNOWLEDGE DHT E ECONOMIC PROBLEMS
ENLARGEMENT WILL CAUSE-- GREATER ECONOMIC DIVERGENCE
THAN EVER AMONG MEMBER STATES,ADDITIONAL DIFFICULTIES
IN IMPROVING COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY,AND LARGE DEMANDS
ON COMMUNITY FINANCIAL RESOURCES--AND ACCEPTED AS
LEGITIMATE THE WIDESPREAD FEARS THAT THE COMMUNITY MAY
"BECOME LOOSER RATHER THAN TIGHTER AS A RESULT OF
ENLARGEMENT." HE CONCLUDED,NVERTHELESS,THAT"THE
POLITICAL BENEFITS OF ENLARGEMENT OUTWEIGH ALL THE
PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES... FAR MORE IMPORTANT IS THE NEW
STRENGTH WHICH ENLARGEMENT WILL GIVE TO EUROPEAN

DEMOCRACY BY SYSTAINING THE FLEDGLING DEMOCRACIES AT
THE MOST CRJICIAL STAGE IN THEIR EVOLUTION,AND PROTECTING
THEM AGAINST THEIR ENEMIES WITHIN AND WITHOUT....
ENLARGEMENT IS AN INVESTMENT IN THE DEMOCRATIC FUTURE OF
EUROPE."

9.CROSLAND'S MAIDEN SPEECH WAS GENERALLY PRAISED IN
MP'S FIRST REACTIONS AS "REALISTIC,PRAGMATIC,AND
HOPEFUL."
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